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Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) and 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) is a new utility patent application for an invention entitled:

EASILY DETACHABLE ULTRASONIC CLAMPING DEVICE

and invented by:

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Application Elements

1. Filing fee as calculated and transmitted as described below

2. Specification having 17 pages and including the following:
 - a. Descriptive Title of the Invention
 - b. Cross References to Related Applications (if applicable)
 - c. Statement Regarding Federally-sponsored Research/Development (if applicable)
 - d. Reference to Microfiche Appendix (if applicable)
 - e. Background of the Invention
 - f. Brief Summary of the Invention
 - g. Brief Description of the Drawings (if drawings filed)
 - h. Detailed Description
 - i. Claim(s) as Classified Below
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3. Drawing(s) *(when necessary as prescribed by 35 USC 113)*

a. Formal Number of Sheets 2

b. Informal Number of Sheets _____

4. Oath or Declaration

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b. Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) *(for continuation/divisional application only)*

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d. **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application,
see 37 C.F.R. 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

5. Incorporation By Reference *(usable if Box 4b is checked)*
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied
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6. Computer Program in Microfiche *(Appendix)*

7. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission *(if applicable, all must be included)*

a. Paper Copy

b. Computer Readable Copy *(identical to computer copy)*

c. Statement Verifying Identical Paper and Computer Readable Copy

Accompanying Application Parts

8. Assignment Papers *(cover sheet & document(s))*

9. 37 CFR 3.73(B) Statement *(when there is an assignee)*

10. English Translation Document *(if applicable)*

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15. Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) *(if foreign priority is claimed)*

16. Additional Enclosures *(please identify below):*

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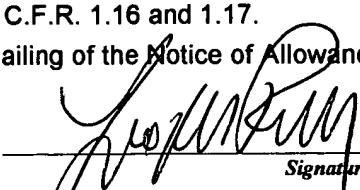
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